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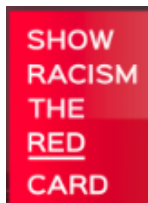
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Dear Parent/Carer,

I trust you had a good half term - we are delighted to see the children back ready for a busy half term. Can you believe rehearsals for our Nativity productions are about to start?!



The week before half term saw our Year 5 footballers enjoy success in their tournament at FitzWimarc School. As always, as well as excellent teamwork and skills, our children showed determination, courage and a great sporting attitude. We are well known in the area for this - which makes us popular winners!



Our 'Show racism the red card' Day was fantastically supported, thank you. This charity was set up in 1997 thanks to a donation by Shaka Hislop, the Newcastle United footballer. In the 1990s Shaka was at a petrol station near St. James' Park when he was confronted with a group of young people shouting racist abuse at him. After one of the group realised that they had been shouting at the Newcastle United football player they came over to ask for an autograph. That experience prompted him to do something to tackle racism through the power of sport and education. When Ofsted visited us, one of the things we were very proud of was how impressed they were by how eloquently our children talked about the importance of inclusion and diversity. We know that Thundersley children believe that we are all special and unique, no matter the colour of our skin, who we love, our religion, our disability or our

gender. In the words of Nelson Mandela 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world' and the world feels very much like it needs changing at the present moment.

On Thursday, our wonderful PTA are organising this year's Monster Bash! I am sure the children will have a ball whilst raising funds for the school. If you can help before or at the event, please contact the PTA via their email address below:-

thundersleypta@gmail.com

The timings are as follows:-

Years 1 & 2 - 2pm to 3pm

Years 3 & 4 - 3.20pm to 4.30pm

Years 5 & 6 - 5pm to 6.30pm

Tickets are on sale before and after school in the gazebo on the KS1 playground today, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Have a super week.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 20th October 2023 there were 3 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Chipmunks who achieved 99.9%. They will be looking after Attendance Ted this week.



We have a number of children who have medical conditions which mean that they have to have time off school for appointments and therefore their data is not included in these figures.

Congratulations to this week's winners
CHIPMUNKS

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for
2023 - 2024 is:
97%

Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	97.9%
Dragonflies	95.4%
Butterflies	99.7%
Rabbits	83.7%
Ladybirds	93.6%
Robins	93.3%
Fireflies	94.7%
Owls	86.6%
Bears	97.3%
Sparrows	94.7%
Ants	95.8%
Bees	94.0%
Kestrels	90.7%
Badgers	91.7%
Squirrels	87.1%
Whole School	93.1%
Target	97.0%

Year 2 Science



Before half term in Year 2, they had some interesting Science lessons! Through their topic of Animals including Humans, they learnt all about what they need to survive, including the importance of hygiene. Their





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teachers showed them how germs spread using some paint, picking up items around the classroom and then washing their hands with lots of soap. After that, they had all brought in their toothbrushes and toothpaste to have a practice of learning how to brush their teeth properly - using a pea sized amount of toothpaste, using gentle brush strokes and not rinsing out after. They even learnt about why brushing is so important, to protect their teeth from germs. What a great learning experience.

Year 5 Boys' Football Tournament



On Wednesday before half term, a group of 21 boys from Year 5, entered a tournament hosted by Fitzwimarc School. The boys were split into two teams, Thundersley Gold and Thundersley Green and competed in a round robin with each team playing 6 games. Thundersley Gold team had a fantastic group stage winning 3 games, drawing 1 and losing 2. This meant that they qualified for the 3rd/4th playoff spots against Glebe Black and through some amazing defending, wonderful goalkeeping and tremendous team work, they managed to take the lead with a magnificent strike by Jimmy Hunter. Unfortunately, the opposition managed to strike back and scored 2 fast goals meaning that Thundersley Gold team finished a hard fought 4th place. Thundersley Green team won 6 out of their 6 group games and progressed to the final! They played an excellent final which finished in a 1-1 draw which saw the game go into penalties. Thanks to some fantastic goals from Chase Goodwin, Jaxon Grange, Theo Preston and Freddy Peryer, we won the final 4-2 on penalties!!! All the boys represented the school with

fantastic teamwork, respect for their opposition and perfect behaviour at all times. They were a real credit to the school and this was another example of the children 'being the best they can be'. Archie Alsop (Kestrels) and Theo Preston (Kestrels) give their respective accounts of the tournament below:-

"We were allowed to wear our kits to school and then at 1.45pm, our parents came to collect us. It was about a 15 minute drive to the school and when we got there we caught up to where the group were. Then the Sports Teacher showed us where the pitches were. There were two teams for Thundersley - Thundersley Gold and Thundersley Green. I was in Thundersley Gold. The first match started and we won 1-0. Then we lost 2-0 against Thundersley Green. Then we won 2-0 and 7-0. Our team came 4th with 10 points out of 8 teams. We stayed 4th as we lost 2-1 in the 3rd/4th play-off. I played defender the whole time. It was my first actual game playing for Thundersley and I really enjoyed playing it as it made me get to know my team mates and I hope I will get to play again. I really love playing football and I'd like to say thank you to everyone who organised the football tournament. (Archie Alsop)

When we got there, we got our boots on and we warmed up for the matches and then in the first match, we won by quite a lot of goals and then we also won the other 5 games. I played in a couple of the games and played striker and right wing. I scored a couple of goals and felt very happy. I prefer playing striker because I've played that position for the whole of my football career. In the final at full time, the score was 1-1 and then we had to go to penalties and we won! I took one of the penalties. I



felt very nervous but I got lots of support from my team mates and Mr. Wilson and when I scored I felt very proud of myself. At the end, we had to go and shake the hands of the other team and after that we were all celebrating. We will get a certificate. I really enjoyed the tournament because I really like playing football and it was good fun." (Theo Preston)

HARP Harvest Festival Donations



Our harvest appeal for HARP showed a magnificent demonstration of kindness by the pupils and parents of TPS. We have received the following message from HARP:-

'Your school was one of highest donators of gifts for harvest festival in the borough that HARP gets donations from. Well done to Thundersley Primary.'

Thank you once again for your donations.

School Councillor Elections

Democracy is becoming second nature at Thundersley Primary School...the children diligently arrived at the polling station (Doves' Class!), knew how to vote both independently and privately in the real-life voting booths and quietly cast their much thought about votes. They had listened to their class mates pitch their ideas and plans to make the pupil voice heard over the weeks. It was a bumper year for nominations, so those representing their class this year have done exceptionally well. We look forward to watching the 'old' School Council train up the 'new'





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School Council before stepping down from their busy roles. Well done to all involved!

SCHOOL COUNCIL		
Class		
Butterflies	Isla Jackson	Harley Rush
Rabbits	Evelyn Muir	Jake Williams
Ladybirds	Felicity Bowman	Ollie Whitaker
Robins	Stanley Beckford	Perla Puckey
Fireflies	Evelyn Deal	Harry Burns
Owls	Emily Duggan	Reggie Collins
Bears	Patrick Ridgwell	Isla Reeves
Sparrows	Millie Smith	Joshua Sandford
Bees	Ayah Pounds	Jaxon Grange
Ants	Lincoln Bellinger	Lois Oke
Kestrels	Harry Cecil	Gautam Sandeep
Badgers	Ruby Hampson-Long	Delilah Thomas
Squirrels	Serena Hawkins	Olivia Collins

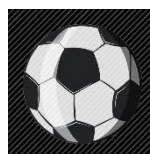
His Majesty's Theatre Haymarket

Wow! What an experience Ivy Cook (Bees) had recently when she performed at the famous His Majesty's Theatre, Haymarket in London as part of the Pauline Quirke Academy Southend's production of 'Across the line'. Ivy played a key character called Milo in the exclusively written production and had lots of lines and solo singing parts throughout the show. Ivy shone like a star and her family are very proud of her. Well done Ivy, a star in the making!



Colchester United ETC - Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Poppy Ferdinando-Hemings (Bears) who has recently been attending trials at Colchester United ETC and has received an offer of joining them after impressing the coaches.



SCARF At Home

In Personal, Social, Health and Economics (PSHE) our whole school theme this half term is 'Valuing Difference'. We're thinking about the things that make us the same as each other and what makes us different from others in our lives and

our community. We're also thinking about kindness and how it can help everyone. If you would like to continue these conversations at home please visit the SCARF At Home Page.

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/scarf/home-learning-unit-2#:~:text=With%20SCARF%2C%20children%20learn%20the,our%20lives%20and%20our%20community.>

Autism Central - East of England Peer Support Hub for all Schools

The Peer Education Programme with Autism Central is offering a range of online group support sessions for parents and carers of autistic people throughout the Autumn term. Sessions cover a variety of topics and informal drop ins are also provided. Book a place on an online session via the [Autism Central](#) website. The Peer Education Programme also provides [1:1 support for parents and carers.](#)

[Essex County Council | Autism Central](#)

Stars of the Week

- Year 5:- Isla-Rose Frimley, Reid Tuckwell and Lincoln Bellinger
- Year 4:- Ethan Fitzmaurice
- Year 2:- Sylvie McEvoy
- Year 1:- Francesca Podolska-Prince
- EYFS:- Charlotte Morris and Avery Dolan



Playground Stars of the Week

Ethan Archer, Evie Compton, Ruby Molloy, Sienna Murphy, Ethan Fitzmaurice, Tyerie Mlambo, Katie Allen and Lina Pur

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Green Dragons	2093
Blue Dolphins	1775





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Red Arrows	1576
Golden Eagles	1380



Well done again Green Dragons!

Honesty is the best policy!

We would like to congratulate the following for handing in money they found recently.

Charlie Baker (Fireflies)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!

eSchools App

We kindly ask that you to download the eSchools and eSchools Lite apps (free of charge), in order that any messages we send you are not charged to the school and you will be able to access the calendar, newsletter and website easily.



Twitter

Please keep checking our Twitter feed for various updates/messages:-

@Thundersley_P_S

Early Birds Breakfast Club & Treetops After School Club

We offer a Breakfast Club called Early Birds (7.45am to the start of school) and an After School Club called Treetops (3.15pm to 6.00pm) each day. If you are interested in a place for your child and would like more information, please speak to Mrs. Hayward in the main School Office.

Uniform Shops

We would like to advise that we now have two uniform shops as follows:-

Penn UK,
15-17 Kents Hill Road,
South Benfleet,
Essex, SS7 5PN.

Telephone:- 01268 751724

www.pennuk.com

Danielle's Uniform,
Claydons Lane,
Rayleigh,
Essex, SS6 7UP.
Telephone 01268 967542

www.daniellesshop.co.uk

PTA

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA will be the AGM on Tuesday, 7th November 2023 at 7pm in the White Hart. All are welcome.

Adventure Island & Adventure Island Inside Tickets



Please note that Lords' Barbers in Thundersley Village are selling the following tickets on our behalf:-

Adventure Island - £17.00
Adventure Island Inside (Soft Play) - £5.00

Community News

Be Safe Be Seen

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Revelation Art

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

School Calendar - Dates

<https://www.thundersleyprimary.co.uk/web/home/86964>

or eSchools app Lite

Future Term Dates

21/12/23 to 03/01/24 - Christmas Break
04/01/24 - Start of the Spring Term
19/02/24 to 23/02/24 - Half Term
29/03/24 to 12/04/24 - Easter Break
15/04/24 - Start of the Summer Term
06/05/24 - Bank Holiday
27/05/24 to 31/05/24 - Whitsun Break
19/07/24 - Last day of Term

******NON PUPIL DAYS******

20/11/23
26/2/24
22/7/24
23/7/24

